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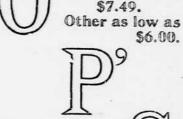
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west, by December 13. The treasurer's celpt will be a ticket of entrance to

FRANK FUNK'S TRIAL.

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ginning Monday Next.

trial of Frank Funk, accused of the murder

of William H. Brooks, which is set for

Monday next before Justice Cole, in Crim-

inal Court No. 2. The defendant will be

represented by Attorneys D. W. Baker, Alexander Wolf and N. W. Price. United

States Attorney Anderson and Assistant United States Attorney Taylor are to con-

Unless the Funk trial is concluded dur-

ng the week, which is not expected, the

trial of Penjamin H. Snell, the former

clerk in the pension bureau, indicted for

the murder of Lizzle Weisenberger, set conditionally for the 18th instant, will be postponed until after the Christmas holi-

In the Snell case, it is understood, a departure will be taken in the examina-

tion of talesmen, the system in vogue in New York followed to a certain extent, and a number of novel points raised by the de-

Just the prosecution

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Interesting Series of Games to Played This Month. The whist circles of Washington, especial-

iv the feminine portion, have become animated of late, and as a result this fascinating game will be given quite an impetus the remainder of the winter. This state of affairs has doubtless been brought about by the formidable showing of the women whisters of New York, New Jersey, Penn sylvania and the eastern states at the late whist congress in this city. Of late year: the lady whisters of Washington have improved their playing at a startling ratio

of them are the equal of the best gentle-men players of the city and country.

This improvement has created havoc with the clubs devoted to the game in this city, as many of the gentlemen have deserted their favorite haunts in favor of more brilliant and fascinating circles, as they are sure of meeting opponents worthy of their abilities and in addition are surround-d with an atmosphere more pleasing as to d with an atmosphere more pleasing as to

To increase the interest in the game an lady winsers to the property of this city. This tournament will be held under the auspices of the Washington Whist Club. December 14, 15 and 16, at its resers, 1710 I street northwest, play to start at 2 o'clock in the affects.

Entries can be made to this tournament Entries can be made to this tournament from Washington and nearby cities and towns, teams from Baltimore and Richmond having already sent in their entrance dues, and the indications are that quite an array of whist talent will be present. The contest will be for teams of four, but an unusual feature of this tournament is that the payers need not belong to clubs devoted to the game. This will afford the different fours, who have doubtless been playing together for years, an opportunity to ascertain just how strong they are and whether they are entitled to seats in the front ranks of women whist players.

The games will be played under the How-

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the Mitchell system" is an awe-inspiring sentence to those who have not entered tournaments before, but it relates entirely to the scoring and is the only way to keep track of the plays and points correctly. Match score will control this contest, the match score of each day being added to the match score of the previous day. The team having the highest aggregate score of matches won shall be the first holder of the trophy, and shall be entitled to count three wins. The holder of the traphy we have sentence to those who have not entered tournaments before, but it relates entirely to the scoring and is the only way to keep track of the plays and points correctly.

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Bureau Athletic Club Defeats West-ern High School Team. The indoor base ball game at Convention

A HARD-FOUGHT GAME.

Hall last night, between the Bureau Athletic Club and Western High School teams, resulted in favor of the former by the score of 8 to 6. The contest was an exceptionally hard-fought one, the score be Ing close from start to finish. Both sides fielded well, sensational plays being made by both sides, but the effective pitching of Blelaski and Bernard prevented hard batting by either side. Spofford and Bubb did the best work for the High School team, while Leach and McCauley were the best

A musical and literary entertainment was have it for its permanent possession. The entrance fee for the year has been placed at the nominal sum of \$1 a team. No team will be qualified to play unless the members have paid their entrance fee to the treasurer, Mrs. Ruff. 1367 U stree northing the treasurer is permanent was siven last Wednesday night by the pupils of Miss F. Shreve, at Typographical Hall. The program was attractive, the attendance large and the evening a very pleasure large and the evening a very pleasure one.

CAUSED BY ACCIDENT

Death of Captain Ayres Declared to Have Been Unavoidable.

VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY

Testimony of Witnesses to the Lamentable Occurrence.

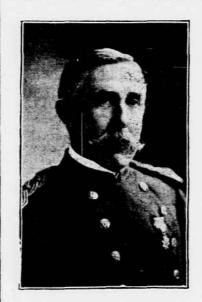
FUNERAL TO OCCUR MONDAY

Capt, James C. Ayres, U. S. A., attached to the ordnance bureau in this city, while riding down Connecticut avenue yes-terday morning about 10 o'clock, collided with a grocery wagon at the intersection of L street, and received injuries which resulted in his death three hours later at the Emergency Hospital. The driver of the wagon, William Ruppert, a young white man, engaged in the grocery business at 21st and L streets, was arrested and held in \$5,000 bail.

A coroner's inquest was held this mornng at 11 o'clock at the third precinct poice station. After hearing all of the evince obtainable, the jury rendered a verlict to the effect that the accident in which apt. Ayres met his death was unavoid-Ruppert was released.

Coroner Carr conducted the investigaion, assisted by Deputy Coroner Glazetion, assisted by Deputy Coroner Glaze-brook. The jury was composed of Messrs. Felix Van Reuth, H. W. Sessford, Morris E. Horton, Timothy Craven, William N. Fisher and James Anderson. Young Rup-port was present at the inquest and testi-fied. He had My Leon Tobriner as legal adviser.

adviser
Dr. E. C. Carlin of 1401 21st street was
the first witness. He saw Capt. Ayres at



Captain Ayres. Photograph by Prince.

the Emergency Hospital and testified as to the wound on the left side of the latter's head. He said there was no doubt that Capt. Ayres' death was a result of this

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puty Coroner L. W. Glazebrook testithat he viewed the body of the deed at his late residence this morning,
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chage, following a fracture at the base the skull, John Shanklin, colored, of 1824 De Sales reet saw the accident from a distance, e declared he saw a "jumble" of street r, delivery wagon and bicyclist. He lew Capt. Ayres by sight. Witness did t know at the time whether the wagon or r struck the captain. His testimony was

not know at the time whether the wagon or car struck the captain. His testimony was vague and of little value. Neither wagon nor bicyclist was moving rapidly.

William, J. Rabbitt of 2015 K street gave an intelligent account of the accident. He was riding along Connecticut avenue in a wagon and saw all of the affair. Ruppert, in his delivery wagon, witness said, was driving in a slow trot west on L street. As the wagon reached Connecticut avenue a north-bound car passed. Ruppert drove behind this, and just as his wagon was clearing the south-bound tracks of the Metropolitan line Capt. Ayres, on his wheel, riding south on the right-hand side, close alongside the tracks, crashed into the shafts, just in frent of the front wheels. A south-bound car had stopped just north of L street to take on passengers. Capt. Ayres was riding with these a south-hound car had stopped just north of L street to take on passengers. Capt. Ayres was riding with this car, and was in a position. Mr. Rabbitt declared, where he could neither see the Ruppert wagon nor be seen by the driver of that vehicle. "When the collision occurred," Mr. Rabbitt continued, "the horse driven by Mr. Ruppert became frightened and lunged forward, but was stopped after a few jumps. Capt. Ayres was dragged to the curb. I assisted the others in doing all we could for the injured man." tournament.

This meeting of women whist players has been designated as the capital whist tournament, and is under the charge of an executive committee comprising the following ladies: Mrs. Hawley, chairman: Mrs. Woodward, secretary; Mrs. Ruft, treasurer; Mrs. Van Reypen, Mrs. Burteigh, Miss Monroc, Mrs. Walls and Mrs. Dyer.

In a Slow Trot. "Was Mr. Ruppert driving fast?"

"He was driving in a slow trot, and it appeared to me that as soon as he saw he bicyclist he did everything in his power to stop his horse. Both wheels of the agon went over Capt. Ayres' right arm." Mason Smith, colored, of 1730 L street Mason Smith, colored, of 1730 L street, was riding with Mr. Ruppert when the latter's wagon was in collision with Capt. Ayres. Smith's testimony was unintelligible, it appearing that the boy was too excited at the time of the accident to remember any of the details. He was excused after a number of fruitless questions by the coroner, Mr. Tobriner and members of the fury.

Jack Cole, colored, who works at 1016 Connecticut avenue, gave an account of the accident differing materially in detail from accident differing materially in detail from the evidence of previous witnesses. He declared the Ruppert wagon struck Capt. Ayres bleycle. As the two vehicles approached, he said, Capt. Ayres swerved to the right, and had passed in front of the horse when the wheel of the wagon struck him. When he saw Capt. Ayres pass in front of the horse witness thought the seemingly inevitable collision had been avoided. He was surprised, therefore, when a moment later Capt. Ayres was being dragged, with his wheel, beneath the wagon. The horse was frightened, the witness declared, and could not have been stopped in time to prevent the accident. Cole was positive Capt. Ayers had passed in front of the horse and apparently had room to clear the wagon's wheels. Israel Dorsey, colored of Chicago, who is visiting this city; Joseph Fisher of 306 9th street northeast; Theodore Krake of 1227 1st street, and Andrew Ferguson of 1140 New Hampshire avenue were examined, but their testimony threw no light on the accident, all having arrived upon the scene after the coilision had taken place. Ferguson, however, said he saw wagon and bievele a moment before the the evidence of previous witnesses

guson, however, said he saw wagon and bicycle a moment before the accident and felt a collision could not be avoided.

The Driver's Story.

William Ruppert, driver and owner of the wagon with which Capt. Ayers collided, was the last witness. After being sworn, he stated his residence was at 18th street and Benning road. He then told his story "I was driving west on the right side of L street. As I approached Connecticut ave-

few minutes' deliberation the jury returned the verdict of unavoidable accident.

Capt. Ayres' death was particularly unfortunate. He was highly regarded by all who knew him; and was a most efficient officer. He was always regarded as a caroful bicyclist, and never rode fast or in dangerous places. His wheel was equipped with brake, speed register and every known safety appliance.

Capi. Ayres' Career. Capt. Ayres graduated from West Point with the class of 1871, and three years later was transferred to the ordnance department of the army. In 1877 he was chief of ordnance of the Department of the Platte, and in 1882 was stationed at the

Platte, and in 1882 was stationed at the Springfield armory. Since that time he has been on duty at Benicia arsenal, California; Vancouver barracks, Sandy Hook, Governor's Island and Sea Girt. Early in 1898 he was ordered to the ordnance bureau in this city, and did capable and efficient work during the Spanish war. He was considered an eminent authority on ordnance.

Capt Ayrez resided at 2005 O street, from which place his funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin of the Church of the Covenant will officiate, and the interment will be made in Arlington National cemetery, with military honors. Capt. Ayres' wife is a daughter of Gen. Rodman and a coustn of Maj. Rodman, now on duty in the Philippines.

WON THREE STRAIGHT.

Business Men's Club Bowlers Defeat the Columbias.

The tail-enders in the District Bowling League very materially improved their percentage in the league standing last night: This cheering result was accomplished by winning the entire series of three games from the Columbia bowling club. The match was bowled on the Business Men's

The home team played much the best series they have put up in any previous match this season. Instead of tail-end work, they played like pennant winners, and, while the Columbia strings were by no means slouchy, they were easily beaten

and, while the Columbia strings were by no means slouchy, they were easily beaten in every game.

In one game Miller gave strong indications of surpassing the highest individual game yet made, but did not quite reach the mark. Starting in the sixth frame, he striked in each succeeding box, and to this great run the side can attribute its victory. All of the other members of the South Washington club secured good totals at times, and the work was evenly divided.

For Columbia Dr. Ricker led, with an average of 164, McNish being close behind. Stitt again showed in poor form, and this veteran in league playing is having much trouble with the pins. At no time this year has he bowled up to his old standard. In the opening game the result seemed to be settled in Columbia's favor, as they were many pins ahead at the close of the first half. After that they bowled poorly, and the big run by Miller gave his side the winning.

The score follows:

Columbia	Bowling Club.			Business Men.			
	St.	Sp.	Se.	St.	Sp.	Sc.	
Ricker		3	187	Smithson 1	5	144	
Desio	. 3	5		Crist 2	6	161	
McNish	1	3		Land 1	5	141	
Rodrick	. 3	5		Miller 5	4	218	
Stitt	. 2	2		Kidd 3	3	148	
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Totals	.14	18	784	Totals12	24	812	

good lead at the outset in the next event, but McNish falling off from his great run of strikes and being poorly supported, the result could not have been other than it was. Sixty pins separated Columbia's high man and his nearest colleague.

The sc	ore f	ollo	WS:				
Columbia	Bowling Club.			Business Men.			
	St.	Sp.	Se.	St.	Sp.	Sc.	
Ricker		2	140	Smithson 6	1	178	
Derio		2	158	Crist 3	5	174	
McNish	6	2	200	Laud 1	5	138	
todrick	3	.2		Miller 0	. 5	134	
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The last game was a nip-and-tuck strug-gle to the end. Columbia made a very poor finish in the last frame, or the result might

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Celumbia	Bow	ing	Cinb.	Bus	iness !	Men.	
	St.	Sp.	Se.		St.	Sp.	S
Ricker	2	118	164	Smithson.	3	4	16
Desio				Crist		3	13
McNish		7		Laud	5	1	17
Rodrick		5	174	Miller	1	6	15
Stitt	2	3	130	Kidd	3	4	16
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Business Men's Bowling Club...... 5 10 .553 Monday night the Golden Eagles will play a return game with the Young Men's Christian Association on the latter's alleys,

REPEATS HIS OFFENSE.

Three holiday shoppers suffered yesterday afternoon at the hands of the individual who has ruined so many dresses in this city during recent months. The victims Mahel Hughes No aw avenue, Mount Pleasant; Mrs. Mc-Carthy, 1359 H street northeast, and Miss Garrick of 707 12th street northwest. Miss Hughes called at police headquarters about o'clock in the afternoon and informed Inspector Boardman of the occurrence. She did not know at what point she was when the vandal perpetrated the offense. She had been in several stores along F street, she said, and her attention was called to the condition of her dress while she was on the street. Her mother was with her dur-ing the afternoon, but neither of them had no idea where or by whom the cutting was cated that a pair of scissors had been used

cated that a pair of scissors had been used in this case. The dress was ruined.

Later in the afternoon Lieut, Amiss received a complaint that Mrs. McCarthy's dress, a black silk had been cut while she was shopping. She was in a store on Market space when the mutilation was discovered. An hour later Miss Garrick was informed by some one of the cutting of her dress. Her case was also reported to Lieut. Amiss.

From time to time the police have been From time to time the police have been informed that people answering different descriptions had been suspected of cutting garments. Most of the slashing appears to have been done with a razor or knife. While a majority of the members of the police force believe the work is being done by a man, others suspect it is a woman. The first mentioned belief is strengthened by the fact that the cutter has operated both in Philadelphia and this city.

Major Sylvester talked the matter over with the Commissioners today, and it was decided to offer a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the arrest of the guilty parties.

Knocked Down and Robbed.

George H. Bliss, jr., who lives at 950 S street northwest, reported to the police last night that he had been "held up" and obbed of \$47. He had collected rents for his father, and was near 22d and M streets, he reports, when a colored man knocked him down and took his money. A de-scription of the colored man was given, and the police are investigating the case.

A handy remedy for

I street As I approached Connecticut avenue a car passed north going to Georgetown and another, routhbound stopped to take on passengers. As the northbound car cleared I, street I drove behind it. The wagon was not going fast, the horse was in a little jog. The first I saw of Capt. Ayres was when he ran dead into the horse I was driving. Before I could stop the wagon had passed over him."

"When did you first see Capt. Ayres?" asked the coroner.

"Not until he struck the horse," the witness repeated.

Capt. Ayres, he said, was riding either upon or very close to the southbound Metropolitan track on Connecticut avenue. His wheel struck the right shaft of the wagon, about midway.

"Then Capt. Ayres did not swerve in front of your horse, as a witness has stated?"

"No, sir. It would have been impossible for him to have done so. The northbound car prevented us from seeing each other."

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